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Status						
1)⊠	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13	November 2007.				
2a)⊠	This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b) This action is non-final.					
3)[	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is					
	closed in accordance with the practice under	Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D	). 11, 453 O.G. 213.			
Disposit	ion of Claims					
4)⊠	Claim(s) 6-9 and 15-20 is/are pending in the	application.				
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdr	rawn from consideration.				
5)	Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
·	Claim(s) <u>6-9 and 15-20</u> is/are rejected.					
′—	Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8)	Claim(s) are subject to restriction and	or election requirement.				
Applicat	ion Papers					
9)	The specification is objected to by the Examir	ner.				
10)	The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) ac	ccepted or b) objected to	by the Examiner.			
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a)	Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign All b) Some * c) None of:  1. Certified copies of the priority documents.  2. Certified copies of the priority documents.  3. Copies of the certified copies of the prince application from the International Bure.  See the attached detailed Office action for a list.	nts have been received. nts have been received in A iority documents have been au (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	application No received in this National Stage			
2) Notic	nt(s) ce of References Cited (PTO-892) ce of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) mation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)	Paper No(s	Summary (PTO-413) s)/Mail Date nformal Patent Application			
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

- 1. This Office Action is in response to the Amendment filed on 11/13/07.
- 2. Claims 6-9 and 15-20 are pending.

## **Double Patenting**

3. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

10. Claims 6-9 and 15-20, as amended in the Amendment filed on 11/13/07, are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,762,776. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because they are directed to substantially the same invention and recite only obvious difference which would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the user interface art at the time of

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invention such as simply adding/omitting the step determining system user interface window.

## Allowable Subject Matter

- 4. Claims 16-9 and 15-20 are allowed.
- 5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kieu D. Vu. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thu from 7:00AM to 3:00PM at 571-272-4057.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached at 571-272-4048.

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571-273-8300

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